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LOK SABHA

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Rashtriya Gokul Mission
Subbareddy Shri Yerram Venkata

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of the Rashtriya Gokul Mission;
(b) whether it is a fact that one of the objectives is to protect indigenous cattle breeds like Gir, Sahiwal, Rathi, Deoni, Tharparkar, Red Sindhi and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether Nellore Bull has not been included in the category to protect indigenous cattle breed and if so, the reasons therefor;
(d) whether the Government is considering to include Nellore cattle which is on the verge of extinction under the Rashtriya Gokul Mission; and
(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) & b) Yes Madam, "Rashtriya Goukul Mission", has been launched in December 2014 with the aim to conserve and develop indigenous bovine breeds in a focused and scientific manner. The Rashtriya Gokul Mission is being implemented with the objectives of: a) development and conservation of all indigenous breeds; b) breed improvement programme for all indigenous cattle breeds to improve their genetic makeup and increase the stock; c) enhancement of milk production and productivity; d) upgradation of nondescript cattle using elite indigenous breeds and e) distribution of disease free high genetic merit bulls of all indigenous breeds.

Elite indigenous breeds like Gir, Sahiwal, Rathi, Deoni, Tharp
arkar, Nellore, Red Sindhi are included for development and conservation, as well as breed improvement programmes.

(c) to (e) No Madam, Nellore (Ongole) breed of cattle including Nellore bull has been included under Rashtriya Gokul Mission and assistance has been released to the State of Andhra Pradesh for development and conservation of Nellore breed of cattle.

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